

New Linden Hill Road Working Group

Minutes

Monday, April 29, 2002, 9 a.m.

Skyline United Methodist Church

ATTENDEES:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Mary Dugan	Senator Sokola's Office
Joseph Miro	State Representative
Daniel Bove	Creek Landing
Kathy Ann Julian	Clearview Ridge
Leslie Darden	Deacons Walk
Bill Fulmer	Drummond Hill
Phil & Shirley Gardner	Drummond Hill
Charlie Potts	Drummond Hill
Joe Welker	Hills of Skyline
Fritz Griesinger	Hills of Skyline
Joe Skwish	New Linden Hill Village
Dorothy Schukraft	Skyline Drive
Bo Gordy-Stith	Skyline United Methodist Church
Wayne Hammond	Woodlea Apartments
Bud Freel	DelDOT
Kelly Pitts	DelDOT
Chris Costello	DelDOT
Charlie Leary	DelDOT

Project:

A pavement rehabilitation project on New Linden Hill Road between Route 7 and Polly Drummond Hill Rd. began on Monday, April 29. This will be a 200 calendar day project consisting of rubbilizing old pavement on the road and reusing the rubbilized material in repaving the road surface. The shoulder on the south side of New Linden Hill Rd. will remain the same, but the north side will be slightly widened. Additional work will include drainage improvements, curb and sidewalk installation at the intersections, and the addition of a bike path on the whole length of New Linden Hill Road. The installation of a light at New Linden Hill Rd. and Upper Pike Creek Rd. is also included in the project. The light will include a sensor to change when there is traffic waiting to cross Upper Pike Creek Rd.

DART bus service will not be affected by the project.

Traffic will be switched to the north side of New Linden Hill Rd. while work is being performed on the south side of the street. There will be a single lane of traffic in both directions. When the south side of the street is completed, traffic will be switched to the new pavement while work is being performed on the north side.

Project Update:

Within the next two weeks the contractor, A-Del Construction, will be placing concrete barriers in preparation of the traffic switch. Work will immediately begin on the shoulders and the removal of medians starting on the Rt. 7 end of the project. During the week of May 6, the project will be in full swing, with work taking place behind the barriers, and traffic in its Phase I pattern. This work will continue through June. Around

the beginning of July, a traffic switch will occur, moving traffic onto new pavement so that work can resume on the opposite side of the street. This phase will take approximately three months.

The only impact this project will have on utilities will be with Conectiv, who will be relocating a gas main during the very early stage of the project. Utility work will start at Polly Drummond Hill Rd. and move west.

Questions and Discussion:

- There was a question about how the light will operate that will be installed on Upper Pike Creek Road? The light will have a trigger on Upper Pike Creek Rd. that will trip and stop traffic on New Linden Hill Rd. when a vehicle stops at Upper Pike Creek Rd.
- A question was also posed about the impact the construction will have on residents on Skyline Dr.? The greatest impact will be in the intersection. Traffic will move more slowly, and there will be delays.
- Another question was asked about impacts on Videre Dr.? When the project progresses to that point, there will be a single lane allowing traffic into and out of Videre Dr. The Department is aware that this may be somewhat inconvenient on weekends. Representative Miro will collaborate with Senator Sokola's office in checking with the owner of a now closed road at Ridgeville, to see if they would be willing to open the road during construction.
- There was also a question about a space between the bike lane and the shoulder on New Linden Hill Rd. Several people thought that the bike lane in the eastbound shoulder was dangerous due to sight distance problems on the side streets. The concern was brought up that when people come out of Videre Dr. to turn left onto New Linden Hill Rd., cars on the right block the view of oncoming traffic on the right. The community wants DelDOT to keep the traffic using Videre Dr. in a single file while they attempt to turn right and left onto New Linden Hill Road. They want the final striping to keep cars from using the shoulder as an acceleration lane. Chris will look into this during Phase II of the project.
- A resident asked is there would be anyone to direct traffic on Videre Dr. on weekends during construction? There will not be any flaggers on site, but the speed limit will be reduced to 25 m.p.h. during construction.
- It was asked whether left turns would be allowed on Skyline Drive and New Linden Hill Rd. There will not be any restrictions to any movements on this project.
- Then the question was asked, what would happen at Polly Drummond Hill Rd.? By there not being a free right turn movement, there will be congestion. The Department will do what it can to keep the intersection as open as possible. It was suggested that the barriers be allowed to remain as far back from the intersection until absolutely necessary. This suggestion was accepted and will be taken into consideration when placing barriers. The communities are encouraged, however, to find alternate route to get around.
- A resident asked when the light would be installed at Upper Pike Creek Rd.? The working group will be informed prior to installation.
- It was recommended that a "no turn on red" sign be installed at the light. This recommendation will be referred to the Department for consideration.
- Then, it was asked what would happen to the bike path at the viaduct? The bike trail pinches in closer to New Linden Hill Road, but remains separated by a grass median.
- For safety purposes, it was asked if a blinking light could be installed at Videre Dr., and a suggestion was made to stripe the Videre Dr. intersection such that cars coming

out, will do so single file. The project does not provide for the installation of a light at the intersection.

- It was the consensus of the working group to continue to meet on the third Monday's at 9 a.m., and keep the group at a comfortable size. Information about the project can be exchanged through the working group members as community representatives and are encouraged to share all information from the meetings with their respective associations.
- The New Linden Hill Road Working Group will have a website, with the minutes from each meeting posted. Working group members telephone numbers will not appear on the website. To view the minutes go to www.deldot.net, and click on the link, Planning and Projects.

Action items:

- Kelly will obtain a date for the light at Upper Pike Creek Rd.
- Representative Miro will report the results of his attempt to have the road at Ridgeville opened.
- Kelly will check back with the Department on the recommendation of a "no right turn on red" sign at Upper Pike Creek Rd.
- Chris will check with the Department about the striping pattern at Videre Dr. during Phase II of the project.

For questions or comments you may contact:

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Project Supervisor: Charlie Leary, 995-8501

External Affairs: Bud Freel, 577-5100

External Affairs: Kelly Pitts, 760-2080

***NEXT MEETING, Monday, May 20, 2002
9 a.m. at Skyline United Methodist Church***